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TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BEXP, IV

SUBJECT: ISC/LANG AFRIQUE AND GOIC

REFS: A. ABIDJAN 2799; B. ABIDJAN 2890

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AF/W

1. HAVE DISCUSSED REFTELS WITH DAVID MORSE AND PATRICK MURRAY. (LATTER IS ONE OF TWO MEMBERS MORSE'S FACT-FINDING TEAM. OTHER IS JOHN CRAWFORD OF MORSE'S PARIS OFFICE.) ON THEIR ADVICE, WE HAVE AGREED THAT MURRAY SHOULD CALL ISC/HOFKER AND CONVEY POINTS B., C. AND D. OF PARA 11, REFTEL A ON BEHALF OF YOU AND DEPARTMENT. IF THERE SHOULD APPEAR TO BE ANY FURTHER DIFFICULTIES DEVELOPING WITH ISC/LANG, MURRAY HAS PROMISED TO INFORM US AND DEPARTMENT WILL CONTACT ISC DIRECTLY.

2. BEGIN FYI. MURRAY HAS JUST COMPLETED HOUSTON PHASE OF FACT-FINDING MISSION. HE SAYS ISC DOES NOT PLAN TO TURN  
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OFF THE WATER AGAIN QUOTE FOR THE MOMENT QUOTE. ITS

IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE IN IVORY COAST PENDING CONCLUSION OF  
FACT-FINDING/MEDIATION IS TO OBTAIN FROM SODESUCRE  
APPROXIMATELY DOLS 50,000 PER WEEK IN EXTRA WORK ORDER  
PAYMENTS, RATHER THAN AS RETENTION MONEY, SIMPLY TO KEEP

GOING. FAILING THIS, ISC SAYS LANG/IVORY COAST WILL RUN  
OUT OF CASH NEXT WEEK, AND ISC NOT IN POSITION PROVIDE  
FURTHER FUNDS. END FYI.

3. WITH RESPECT TIMING, MORSE IS REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC  
FACT FINDING CAN BE CONCLUDED BY MID-MAY AT LATEST.  
WORK IN HOUSTON COMPLETED. MURRAY EXPECTS COMPLETE WORK  
IN CORAL GABLES BY APRIL 15. CRAWFORD PRESENTLY IN PARIS  
TRYING TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS AND TRAVEL PLANS OF MIN  
PLAN DIAWARA. AS SOON AS MINAG SAWADOGO AND DIAWARA CAN  
BE FOUND IN ABIDJAN TOGETHER, FACT FINDERS WILL PROCEED  
THERE. MORSE IS INCREASINGLY CONVINCED THAT FOLLOW-ON  
MEDIATION WILL REQUIRE HIS PRESENCE ABIDJAN, BUT HIS OWN  
TRAVEL PLANS STILL OPEN. KISSINGER

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